

Election of Species

Applicant respectfully elects Species I corresponding to the embodiment of Figs. 3-11 for further examination on the merits. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-20 may be interpreted as reading on Species I. This election is with traverse.

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application.

As noted above, Applicant has elected Species I corresponding to Figs. 3-11 for further examination on the merits. Applicant further respectfully submits that claims 1-20 may be interpreted as readable on Figs. 3-11, particularly Fig. 10C.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's position that no claims are generic. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13-15, 17 and 18 are generic to each of Species I – III. **The Examiner is thus respectfully requested to acknowledge on the record that claims 1-3, 5, 6, 13-15, 17 and 18 are generic to each of Species I-III.** In the event that the above noted claims are not deemed generic, the Examiner is respectfully requested to establish on the record the reasons why.

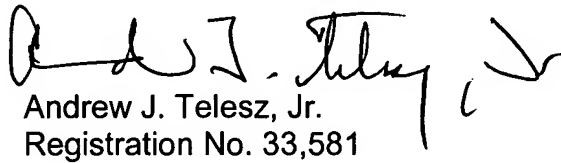
Favorable consideration and early allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0238 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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